



2004 Managed Waterfowl Hunt at Dameron Marsh and Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserves

Lottery Information and Application

This is an opportunity to hunt WATERFOWL at Dameron Marsh Natural Area Preserve and Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserve, both in Northumberland County, VA. Half-day hunting will be available for each Tuesday during the last segments of the general duck season.

Hunt Dates: November 23 and 30; December 14, 21, and 28; January (2005) 4, 11, 18, and 25.

- To hunt waterfowl at Dameron Marsh and Hughlett Point Natural Area Preserves, hunters must apply and be chosen by lottery. Application deadline is 5:00 PM, October 15, 2004. A random drawing will be held on October 18, 2004 at 10:00 AM at the Richmond Office of DCR's Division of Natural Heritage located at 217 Governor Street and will be available for public inspection.
- Successful applicants will be issued a permit that must be in possession while hunting. Each permit holder will be allowed up to two guests only. Permits are non-transferable.
- **As with all DCR hunting opportunities, proof of completion of a Hunter Safety Course is required for each hunter.** Hunter Safety Certificates must be in the possession of all hunters and presented along with licenses if checked during the hunt.
- A maximum of four blind sites will be available per hunt day. No stand-by hunting is available.
- **One blind site in each assigned group will be land accessible ("walk-in"). All other blinds are accessible by water ONLY.** No boat launching is permitted at either Preserve.
- **It is strongly recommended that permit holders scout the area in advance to find boat ramp and blind locations, and to become familiar with navigating the waters of these exposed and potentially hazardous Chesapeake Bay hunting locations. YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA TO LOCATE BLIND SITES IN THE DARK BEFORE SHOOTING TIME.**
- Specific navigation hazards include but are not limited to large waves, shoals, wooden pilings, pound nets, stationary blinds, and other structures. Water depth and boating conditions can vary drastically with wind direction, wind speed, tidal changes, fog, and other factors.
- Hunting is permitted only from assigned shore blind sites. Floating blinds may be used, but must be licensed and positioned at a distance no greater than 100 feet from the assigned shore blind site.
- Only one floating blind per hunt day may occupy a blind site and may not be left unattended.
- Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to 1:00 PM. All hunters are required to stop hunting at 1:00 PM, have all decoys retrieved, and be away from the blind site by 2:00 PM.
- The use of dogs for retrieving waterfowl is strongly recommended.
- Only U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service approved non-toxic shot is allowed for this hunt. Each hunter is limited to 25 rounds of ammunition in possession per hunt day.
- All State and Federal migratory bird regulations and laws apply during hunt. Hunters must possess a federal migratory waterfowl stamp, a state hunting license, and a **2004 – 2005 HIP registration number**. A HIP number may be obtained by calling **1-888-788-9772** or registering on-line at www.dgif.state.va.us.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete and mail (or fax) the following application to:

Attention: Waterfowl Hunt

Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

Division of Natural Heritage

217 Governor Street

Richmond, VA 23219

Fax #: 804/371-2674

2. Applications will be accepted until the close of business (5:00 PM) on October 15, 2004.
3. Only successful applicants will be notified – within two weeks of the drawing. **Selected hunters must return a \$15 non-refundable fee by 5:00 PM, Friday, November 5, 2004 to the above address.** No stand-by hunting is available for this hunt.
4. Your name can only appear one time in the drawing.
ALL DUPLICATE ENTRIES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

DAMERON MARSH and HUGHLETT POINT NATURAL AREA PRESERVES WATERFOWL HUNT APPLICATION

****** ALL INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISCARDED ******

PLEASE PRINT

Name_____

Address_____ City_____

State_____ Zip Code_____

Telephone No. (_____) _____ - _____ Date of Birth_____

2004-05 Hunting License #_____ Expiration Date_____

Hunt dates (Tuesdays): November 23 and 30; December 14, 21, and 28; January (2005) 4, 11, 18, and 25.

If desired, indicate your preferred hunt date:_____

Do you wish to be considered for dates other than your indicated date of preference? YES NO

The Department of Conservation and Recreation reserves the right to manage hunter access and hunter use on Department owned lands as deemed appropriate. Hunter safety certification is required for participation on this and all hunts on Department lands.